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Via SCPSC E-FILING DMS

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Rider 9, Demand-

Side Management and Energy Efficiency

Docket No. 2017-245-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart"), timely filed a Petition to Intervene in this case on August 10, 2017, which was granted by South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") Directive Order issued on August 30, 2017. By way of this letter, Walmart provides limited Comments (due on this date per the Commission Directive issued September 17, 2014, Docket No. 2013-92-A, Order No. 2014-766).

Walmart has reviewed Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" or "Company") filing and supporting documentation, and has no objection to DEP's proposed changes. Walmart also notes that DEP proposes to maintain, without change, the "opt-out" provisions of Rider DSM/EE. Walmart strongly supports DEP's opt-out provisions in light of Walmart's extensive, self-funded energy efficiency ("EE")/demand-side management ("DSM") efforts. Walmart notes (as it did in Case No. 2017-65-E) that it would appreciate engaging DEP and Duke Energy Carolinas ("DEC") in a discussion to address making DEC's opt-out procedures (DEC Rider EE(SC), page 3 of 4) consistent with DEP's. Walmart therefore re-affirms its willingness and desire to work cooperatively with DEP, DEC, and the Office of Regulatory Staff to evaluate harmonizing the DEP and DEC opt-out processes in the future.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via Electronic Mail and/or First-Class Mail. Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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